

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: UHB 17-425

Date 18 July 2017



Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Trusts response is as follows:

1. How many patients were diagnosed with Hepatitis C as a result of being given transfusion-acquired Hepatitis C infection?

We do not hold this information as we do not currently record this information at this level of detail on any of the Trust's systems.

- 2. Of these patients,**
- a. How many progressed to Stage 4 Chronic Hepatitis C; and**
 - b. How long after acquiring Hepatitis C did they progress to Stage 4?**
 - c. Where the date of infection is unknown, how long did it take to progress to Stage 4 following diagnosis?**

Not applicable

- 3. How many of these patients received Interferon and Ribavirin treatment?**
- a. What number of patients was the treatment successful i.e. fully cured?**
 - b. What number of patients was the treatment unsuccessful?**
 - c. What number of these patients died?**
 - d. Of the patients whose treatment was unsuccessful, how many were identified as having depression and at risk of the link between the treatment and depression/suicide?**
 - e. Of these patients with depression how many did go on to take their own lives?**

Not applicable

- 4. How many patients with Hepatitis C progressed to Stage 6?**
- a. What is the normal time scale for deterioration from Stage 1 to Stage 6?**
 - b. What is the normal time scale for deterioration from Stage 4 to Stage 6?**
 - c. Can progression from Stage 4 to Stage 6 deteriorate at a more rapid rate?**

Not applicable

This concludes our response. We trust that you find this helpful, but please do not hesitate to contact us directly if we can be of any further assistance.

If, after that, you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

Trust Secretary
University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust
Trust Headquarters
Marlborough Street
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Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

To view the Freedom of Information Act in full please click [here](#).

Yours sincerely,

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